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Dr. Foster to Lead University Libraries

Dr. Stephen Paul Foster, Ph.D., Associate Dean of University Libraries at Central Michigan University, will join WSU as its University Librarian on July 15, 2002.

While at Central Michigan, Dr. Foster has been integral to the development and completion of a \$50 million renovation and expansion of its library, completed and opened in January 2002. The project goal was to build a traditional library to serve CMU's residential campus while also offering a full spectrum of digital/virtual library and information services.

Dr. Foster has taught philosophy and library instruction classes, plus published papers and given presentations on the topics of librarianship, scholarly communication, and philosophy. He authored *Melancholy Duty: The Hume-Gibbon Attack on Christianity* (Kluwer Academic, 1997), and currently has a manuscript titled "Desolation's March:



Photo by B. Roberts, CMU Information Technology

The Rise of Personalism and the Reign of Amusement in 21st Century America" under publisher review.

Dr. Foster will take over from Patricia O. Walker, Associate University Librarian, who has served as Interim University Librarian since Victoria A. Montavon left WSU in October 2001.

Friends Initiate Legacy Book Program

The Friends of the Libraries introduces its Legacy Book Program this month as a way for people to help the Libraries' collections while honoring loved ones.

"The gift of a book is a gift that gets opened again and again" is a phrase topping the program's donation envelope. Envelopes are available now at all WSU Libraries or can be mailed upon request.

With a \$50.00 minimum donation, the Libraries will purchase a book in a subject area designated by the donor. Each Legacy Book will receive a bookplate naming the person honored by the donor's gift.

The Legacy Book Program will help to expand and maintain the book collections in areas studied by the university

community. The program replaces the five-year-old Adopt-A-Journal program.

For additional information or to receive Legacy Book Program envelopes, please call (937) 775-2381.

Legacy Book Program Donations

The following books were purchased through the Legacy Book Program in Winter Quarter 2002:

In honor of **Werner J. Wagner** -

• *Heroes of History: A Brief History of Civilization from Ancient Times to the Dawn of the Modern Age*

• *Vanishing Histories: 100 Endangered Sites from the World Monuments Watch.*

Friends of the Libraries Honor Six Top Scholars for 2001

Six WSU seniors were honored as Top Scholars in their colleges by the WSU Parents Association and the Friends of the Libraries at the seventh annual reception held October 27, 2001. The two organizations collaborate on this program to recognize high student achievement.

The Parents Association purchases a book in each student's area of study to add to the University Libraries' collections. The students receive certificates and are identified by bookplates attached to the books. They are also identified in the individual book records in the Libraries' catalog.

Selected students are seniors holding top grade point averages in their respective colleges. They must also have earned the majority of their degree coursework at Wright State. There have been 43 Top Scholars named annually since the program's initiation in 1995. The 2001 Top Scholars and the books purchased in their names are:

■Amanda Hensley

College of Education & Human Services

Major: Early Childhood Pre-K/Primary

Working with Young Children

■Daniel Lemaster

College of Engineering & Computer Science

Major: Engineering Physics

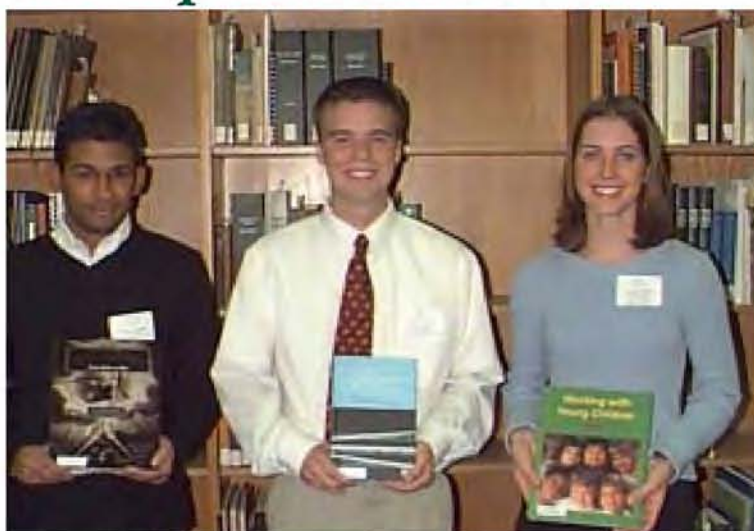
Introduction to Nitride Semiconductor Blue Lasers and Light Emitting Diodes

■Sashi Fernando

College of Science & Mathematics

Major: Chemistry

Bringing Chemistry to Life: From Matter to Man



Holding the books purchased for the WSU Libraries in their names are the 2001 Top Scholars (from left) Sashi Fernando, Daniel Lemaster, and Amanda Hensley. Not pictured are Kairi Bowman, Douglas Northeim, and Janelle Homan.

■Kairi Bowman

College of Nursing & Health

Major: Nursing-General

The Nursing Profession, Tomorrow and Beyond

■Douglas Northeim

College of Liberal Arts

Major: Design/Technology

EIKO On Stage

■Janelle Homan

Raj Soin College of Business

Major: Financial Services

Emerging Financial Markets

Fall Quarter '01 Library Student Assistant Awards Presented

Four students received Fall Quarter 2001 Library Student Assistant Awards at a reception held November 13 in Dunbar Library. Each student received a monetary award from donations contributed by the Libraries' staff and the Friends of the Libraries.

The recipients were:

◆Douglas Altenburger

◆Nichole Curtner

◆Nafisah Abdul-Rahim

◆Daniel Wells

To be eligible for the award, students must have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) or a 3.0 GPA for the previous quarter, at least one full quarter of employment within the Libraries, and excellent letters of recommendation from their supervisors.

The Library Student Assistant Awards have been presented each fall, winter, and spring quarter since Fall 1995. To date, \$41,650 has been distributed through the program to 63 students. Students are eligible to win two awards within one academic year and may receive no more than five awards within five academic years.



Receiving the Fall Quarter '01 Library Student Assistant Awards on November 13 were (from left) Daniel Wells, Nafisah Abdul-Rahim, Nichole Curtner, and Douglas Altenburger. This is the seventh year for the awards.

WSU Alumni Association Funds New Exhibit Cases

Two oak, museum-quality exhibit cases now adorn the Dunbar Library main floor lobby thanks to the Friends of the Libraries and the WSU Alumni Association.

The Friends submitted a grant proposal to the Alumni Association in spring 2001 to fund two large exhibit cases for the Libraries as another public venue to display artifacts from our collection or artwork on loan.

Martin Pleiss and Todd Hall from the Dayton Art Institute designed and constructed the cases in the fall and installed them in November.

Exhibits for the cases are under the direction of an Art Committee created by the Friends' Board of Directors. The committee consists of Board members Maria Gonzalez and Alice Saidel, and

former Board member Gary Barlow. The Art Committee is responsible for soliciting artwork to lend for display in the Libraries.

The cases may be viewed in the Dunbar Library lobby during regular open hours. Anyone interested in more information about donating to WSU may contact (937) 775-2380.



Photo by Chris Snyder, WSU Center for Teaching & Learning

The larger of two new exhibit cases in the Dunbar Library displayed rare materials from the Wright Brothers Collection during Winter Quarter 2002.

Wright, Martin Collections to Join Ohio Memory Project

The Ohio Memory Project will add materials from two Special Collections and Archives collections to its online scrapbook expected to debut mid-March.

WSU Archivist Jane Wildermuth submitted proposals outlining the Wright Brothers and Samuel Martin, M.D. collections. She has worked to digitize family photographs, diary entries, newspaper articles, and letters for a focus on the family of Wilbur and Orville Wright.

www.ohiomemory.org

Ohio medical history is the theme for the Samuel Martin, M.D. Collection. The Ohio Memory Project will receive digital photographs of 1800s-era medical instruments from his collection as well as other documentation of early Greene County history.

The "virtual archive" of Ohio history was developed to celebrate Ohio's bicen-

tennial in 2003 and combine historical materials from archives, museums, libraries, and historical societies throughout Ohio to highlight connections between collections. The website is expected to raise awareness of state and local history, encourage teaching and study of Ohio history using primary sources, plus promote academic scholarship and publishing.

Partners for the Ohio Memory Project are the Ohio Historical Society, the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), OhioLINK, the Ohio Library Council, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission, and InfoOHIO.

Staff News

Martin Jenkins, Music Librarian, was elected as Continuing Education Coordinator to the Board for the Music Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Users Group.

Marty also presented a session on "Finding Music Scores Online" at the Music Library Association national meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 18-22.

Head of Special Collections and Archives **Dawne Dewey** collaborated with the WSU Center for Teaching and Learning on a virtual field trip for the Schoolnet Conference in Columbus, Ohio, February 5.

Dawne was also interviewed on WYOS

public radio on February 14. Her subject was the Wright Brothers' social life.

Libraries' Web Manager **Michelle Frisque** joined WSU Web Manager Donna Hamilton and CaTS Administrator Jerry Hensley for a presentation at the 2001 Educause conference held in Indianapolis, IN, in October. The presentation was titled, "Web Accessibility: What Is It and How Do We Get It?"

Staff Changes

Good-Bye

♦ **Debbie Hager**, Senior Secretary, Administrative Services

Symposium Papers Now Viewable Online

Many of the papers presented at the September 28, 2001, Wright Brothers Symposium are now available online at www.libraries.wright.edu/special/symposium.

Thirteen papers from the one-day event titled "Following the Footsteps of the Wright Brothers: Their Sites and Stories," were published on the website. Many have photos accompanying their text.

The website is the final element of the symposium plan to provide information to students and enthusiasts around the world.

Virtual Reference Service Tested

The University Libraries debuted a chat reference service in January that offers immediate answers to questions from office, lab, or home.

With just a couple clicks of the mouse, patrons can chat with a librarian and get the assistance they need. In addition to chat assistance, librarians can transfer patrons to a subject specialist librarian or "push" webpages to the patron's computer.

This service is currently available 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. Chat reference is the newest addition to the Libraries' reference services, which also include e-mail and telephone assistance. More information on this and all other reference services is available on the **Ask a Librarian** web page at www.libraries.wright.edu/libnet/referen/virtual/.



"Memories" is a painting by Harrison "Bud" Golem of Fairborn, a freelance artist who donated a framed, signed print to the Special Collections and Archives in January.

Archives Receives Unique Donation

Freelance artist Harrison "Bud" Golem of Fairborn donated a framed print of his painting, "Memories," to the Special Collections and Archives in January.

The painting depicts the cockpit of the number two B-25 readying to take off from an aircraft carrier for the World War II raid on Tokyo, following Lt. Col. James

H. Doolittle's B-25 visible through the windshield. Mr. Golem, a former B-25 flight engineer, spent more than 1,000 hours researching the location and setting of every dial and switch portrayed in the painting.

The original painting was presented in 1998 to the surviving members of Doolittle's squadron.